

I am writing to comment on the proposal that the Indiana's Telephone Privacy law needs a lower standard. Indiana's Telephone Privacy law needs to be INCREASED not decreased. I use to get 10-12 calls a day, now it is down to 1-2 a day, but these people still feel that it is their right to invade my privacy. I pay extra every month to have an unlisted home phone number so that I do not have my privacy invaded. These companies feel that my rights are less important than theirs. The last time I read the United States of American's Constitution, it said I have the right to "pursuit of happiness". How can I be happy when I am constantly harrassed by telemarketers? Just last Thursday I had to work late, and when I got home I needed to make several personal calls which I could not make because the Indianapolis Star (for some reason these people were able to bribe, blackmail or whatever, the Indiana State Legislature into EXCLUDING them from the Telephone Privacy law, because they are still able to harrass me at home) called and I could not get them off of the phone even though I kept telling them I did not want their newspaper. I had to leave for class before I could make my calls. I am smart enough to call these companies if I want their products, I do NOT need them wasting my time and tying up my telephone line with their telemarketing calls. If these telemarketers think they have the right to tie up my telephone line any time they want, then it must be their telephone line so they SHOULD HAVE TO PAY for my telephone line.